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SUBJECT: SAN JOSE CONFERENCE

1. VIRTUALLY ALL DELEGATIONS HAVE ARRIVED BY TONIGHT AND THE AMPLE PRESS CONTINGENT IS RATHER DESPERATELY LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO JUSTIFY ITS PRESENCE. CUBA HAS DOMINATED EVERYONE'S THOUGHTS, WITH THE REFORM ON THE TREATY A SECONDARY CONCERN.

2. AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD HAD A PRESS BRIEFING THIS AFTER-NOON REITERATING THE U.S. POSITION AS SET FORTH BY THE THE SECRETARY AT HOUSTON AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS BEFORE THE BINGHAM SUBCOMMITTEE JUNE 11. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD SAID WE WOULD SUPPORT THE RIGHT SORT OF FREEDOM OF ACTION RESOLUTION EVEN IF THERE WERE ONLY 13 OTHER SUPPORTERS, BUT HE SAID WE SAW NO USE IN A MEETING OF CONSULTATION ON CUBA IF THE REQUIRED 14 VOTES ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

3. THERE APPEARS TO BE UNANIMOUS DESIRE NOT TO MOVE ON THE
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SANCTIONS QUESTION IF THE TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY IS UNSURE,

AND NO ONE CLAIMS A SUREFIRE COUNT.

4. NO "QUARTERBACK" HAS YET EMERGED ON THE CUBA QUESTION, THOUGH AMBASSADOR DE LA COLINA OF MEXICO HAS TAKEN THE LEAD SO FAR. (HE MAY ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CIRCULATING AMONG SOME DELEGATIONS AND PERHAPS EVEN THE PRESS SOME INFORMAL DRAFTING SUGGESTIONS (IN ENGLISH) GIVEN HIM BY MCNEIL.)

5. DESPITE THE PREDOMINANCE OF THE CUBA THEME WE HAVE BEGUN CONSULTATIONS, PARTICULARLY WITH PERU, TO WORK OUT OUR CHIEF RIO TREATY PROBLEMS -- NAMELY COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY AND THE OBLIGATORY NATURE OF SOLIDARITY IN FACE OF ATTACK FROM OUTSIDE THE HIMISPHERE.

6. THE CONFERENCE HOLDS A CLOSED SESSION AT 9 A.M. JULY 16 TO DECIDE PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS AND A FORMAL OPENING AT 11 A.M.
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